

VIEW OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE...
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NECESSARY TO OBTAIN EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FROM AID-GIVING AGENCIES."
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BY ISABELLE HALL

WASHINGTON (UPI) --THREE REPORTERS WHO COVERED THE TRIALS OF
MEN CHARGED IN THE ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY
HAVE CONCLUDED THAT "AMERICAN JUSTICE WORKS ACCIDENTALLY, IF AT ALL."
THEY BLAME THE LEGAL PROFESSION FOR SEIZING ON IMPERFECTIONS
IN THE PRESS AND DIRECTING ITS MAJOR REFORM ATTENTION TO THE "FREE
PRESS VERSUS FAIR TRIAL" QUESTION, THEREBY DIVERTING CRITICISM
AWAY FROM THE COURTS.

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"THE COURTS ARE NOW BASICALLY CONSTRUCTED TO SERVE THE LEGAL
PROFESSION, NOT THE PEOPLE," THEY CHARGE IN A BOOK, "A SEARCH FOR
JUSTICE" BY JOHN SEIGENTHALER, EDITOR OF THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN.
SEIGENTHALER, AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO ROBERT KENNEDY
WHEN HE WAS ATTORNEY GENERAL, WROTE THE CRITIQUE WITH CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM THREE OF HIS FORMER STAFF REPORTERS WHO COVERED THE THREE
TRIALS: JAMES SQUIRES, JOHN HEMPHILL AND FRANK RITTER.

AFTER COVERING THE TRIALS OF CLAY SHAW, WHO WAS ACCUSED
OF CONSPIRACY TO KILL THE PRESIDENT, JAMES EARL RAY FOR THE
MURDER OF DR. KING, AND SIRHAN SIRHAN FOR SHOOTING ROBERT
KENNEDY, THE THREE REPORTERS "EACH INDEPENDENTLY REACHED THE
CONCLUSION THAT AMERICAN JUSTICE WORKS ACCIDENTALLY, IF AT ALL."

"NONE OF THEM FELT HE WOULD HAVE MUCH CONFIDENCE IN HIS OWN
CHANCE TO GET A FAIR CHANCE TO GET A FAIR VERDICT WERE HE TO BE PUT
ON TRIAL IN THOSE SAME COURTS, BEFORE THE SAME JUDGES," SEIGENTHALER
SAID.

THE AUTHORS CONCLUDED SHAW SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN TRIED; NO
ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO DETERMINE THE TRUTH AFTER RAY PLEADED GUILTY
IN RETURN FOR A 99-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE, AND SIRHAN'S "SANITY" TRIAL
WAS A MOCKERY.

THEY FOUND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM SO LACKING LONG-OVERDUE REFORM
"THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE AND OFTEN,
ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, MAY ACTUALLY BE MORE INCLINED TO THWART
JUSTICE.

"THE ORGANIZED BAR, PERHAPS AWARE THAT THE COURTS ARE IMPERFECT,"
SEIGENTHALER WROTE, "HAS SEIZED ON IMPERFECTIONS IN THE PRESS AND
HAS DIRECTED ITS MAJOR 'REFORM' ATTENTION TO THE 'FREE PRESS VERSUS
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"THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE SUCCEEDED IN PUNISHING A GUILTY MAN," SEIGENTHALER WROTE. "BUT IT MADE NO PRETENSE OF INITIATING A SEARCH FOR TRUTH OR PUTTING DOWN WHAT VERY WELL MAY HAVE BEEN A LIE BY RAY."

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN SHOT ROBERT KENNEDY A FEW MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT JUNE 5, 1968, IN FULL VIEW OF MANY WITNESSES. WITH HIS SANITY THE ONLY ISSUE, THE AUTHORS COMPLAINED THAT THE PROLONGED, MILLION-DOLLAR TRIAL RESULTED ONLY IN "A SENTENCE MORE SEVERE THAN ONE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED BEFORE A JURY WAS SEATED TO TRY THE CASE."

THEY COMPLAINED THAT PERMITTING THE TENUOUS FINDINGS OF PSYCHIATRISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO BE SUBJECTED "TO THE SORT OF BADGERING CROSS-EXAMINATION THAT COMES FROM THE HOSTILE ADVERSARY ENVIRONMENT OF A CRIMINAL TRIAL, MAY ROB THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE."

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BOISE, IDAHO (UPI)--RIOTING ERUPTED TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE IDAHO STATE PENITENTIARY AFTER A FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE INSTITUTION. COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAID.
PRISON OFFICIALS DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS.
DEPUTIES SAID FIRE TRUCKS WERE SENT
STARTED AMONG THE INMATES